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BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize—Fruit port.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *April 14, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for week ended April 13. The following vessels have cleared from this port:

Date.	Vessel.	Master.	Number of crew.	Destination.	Number of passengers from Belize.	Number of passengers in transit.	Total number of passengers.	Number of pieces baggage disinfected.
Apr. 12	Steamship Managua.	Gundersen.	16	Mobile, Ala.....	0	0	0	0
Do.....	Steamship S. Oteri.	De Luca...	34	New Orleans, La..	11	21	32	32
Apr. 13	Steamship Bergenseren	Klausen..	17	.....do.....	0	0	0	0

The sanitary conditions of this port and adjacent country are good. Nine deaths during the week as follows: April 7, an adult 52 years of age, from alcoholic coma, and an adult 21 years of age, from eclampsia; April 8, an adult 73 years of age, from natural causes; April 11, an adult 16 years of age, pernicious malaria, and an adult 28 years of age, from natural causes; April 12, an adult 65 years of age, from valvular disease, an adult 49 years of age, from natural causes, and an adult 60 years of age, from natural causes; April 13, an adult 59 years of age, from surgical shock. The deaths that are registered "natural causes," are certified to by the police.

Respectfully, J. GREY THOMAS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CHINA.

Plague in Canton, Chan Tsin, and Fatshan.

CANTON, CHINA, *February 28, 1901.*

SIR: In further continuation of my No. 89 concerning the presen crisis in China, I have the honor to report as follows:

The plague has again begun its ravages in Canton and vicinity, as well as in other parts of the Kwangtung province. As the authorities are averse to the full facts of the ravages of the scourge being made public, no official records are kept, and, consequently, no adequate idea can be formed or anything like accurate estimates given of the number of its victims or the extent of its ramifications. I am satisfied, however, that the cases in Canton are few in number.

In the large village of Chan Tsin, about 12 miles west of Canton, the plague is prevalent, from 20 to 30 deaths occurring there daily for the last two weeks. This village has from 3,000 to 4,000 population. Some of the villages in the Shun Tak district are also infected, and so is the city of Fatshan, which has a population of over 500,000. The filthy condition of the public streets and byways and of the residences of the lower classes is mainly the cause of the reappearance of this awful disease.

Respectfully, ROBERT M. MCWADE,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.